



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
November 2019

October has seemed to be a very long month – the individual days have passed quickly enough but in total it feels like it has passed slowly. Nevertheless, a lot has been accomplished. Last month AN distributed items totalling some £6,700 in local equivalent value to 200 households; this was primarily clothing and food but also included furniture, medical equipment, gardening tools and other household items.

Each year we aim to raise a crop on the land adjoining the warehouse with the intention of having additional food to donate to our registered families. Earlier this year we planted sunflowers and in October, with the help of a local farmer, we harvested enough seeds to obtain some 500 litres of sunflower oil. The seeds were pressed at a local mill and we also received two van-loads of solid by-product. This is highly nutritious and is passed on to households for feeding to pigs or fowl.

School children are usually expected to provide their own exercise books and stationery whilst other classroom resources are often funded by teachers or parents. We regularly receive donations of school books, stock surpluses, misprints and printer's offcuts which we can pass on.

The AN team has a wide variety of expertise which allows us to co-ordinate or participate in projects outside the day-to-day activities of aid donation. In October, we managed a privately funded project to dig a well for use by two families who currently rely largely on collected rainwater. Access limitations at the site meant that the 19 metre deep well had to be dug using a manually operated drilling rig, supplemented with the additional weight of an operator sitting on top.

Give thanks ...

1. For good stocks of knitwear, blankets and bedding – the onset of colder weather will bring increased requests for these items.
2. For good stocks of food both from local sources and UK donations.
3. For the opportunity to supply firewood to a limited number of families.

Please pray ...

1. For the relationships between the management of Casa Neemia and its residents, many of whom have challenging circumstances.

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RoAF is essentially a faith-based organisation that relies on prayer. Below and overleaf we offer some prayer pointers, but please feel free to add your own items as they come to mind. Prayer is our connection with God's ultimate power source and, without prayer support, this work would achieve nothing of lasting value.

The date is chosen, the arguments intensify, the day draws near with a great deal of hot air in high places and finally – another non-Brexit day passes with much energy expended and so little achieved.

Compare this with a RoAF loading day: everybody working together in a common cause, the only debates are about what fits best into the available space, the hot air comes from the efforts of those involved and the final outcome is that a lot of people will benefit from the day's activity.

Give thanks ...

1. For the safe dispatch of another full load in mid October.

Please pray ...

1. For a trouble-free journey for the next lorry, leaving Billingshurst on 30th November. (Shoeboxes for this transport are due now, please.)
2. For those determining the timing and priorities for the next loads.

This month's photos ...

Loading team ~

Sunflower seeds ~

Well under way



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Working with Romanian people to bring help to the needy,

hope through the Christian message and co-operation through joint ventures.

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